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Mayfair Bel-Aire
Community Association
Newsletter

March
2011



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Mark your calendars!
Saturday, April 23, 2011
for our 2nd Annual

EASTER EGG HUNT

If you are willing to
volunteer
please call Marisa at
403-640-1079

We need volunteers to hide
eggs, hand out goodies and
serve refreshments.

**PLEASE JOIN US
FOR THE ANNUAL**

EVENING WITH NEIGHBOURS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2011
7:30PM**

1012 BEVERLEY BLVD

Appetizers and Wine will be served

Please RSVP to Marisa or Karen Mazepa at
403-640-1079
or drop off payment to 1224 Belaire Drive

Members: \$45
Non-Members: \$55

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We welcome your input!
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A Message from the President from Brian Heninger

I am pleased to report that our past president, Karen Mazepa, has left our Community Association in great shape and with excellent directors. In fact, at our last community Board meeting we had 100% attendance of our directors along with City representatives as well.

Special "Kudos" to Mike Hawitt for spearheading and completing the new lighting at the skating rink and park. The new lights are very attractive, focused on the ice and playground with little or no residual light outside of those boundaries. If you haven't seen them yet, it is certainly worth the time to drive by at dark. They come on at dusk and a timer turns them off about 10:00 PM.

Louis Stack and helpers continue to look after the ice surface with precision and dedication providing a great service to our neighborhood children and the bigger folks with "child size" hearts and energy.

At long last, Bruce Williams has successfully obtained a parking restriction along Malibou Road and Melville Place. Parking signs designating restricted areas will be installed in about 3 weeks. We are grateful for his tenacity and perseverance. Notices have been delivered to the residences affected with information on how to apply for parking permits.

We still need a few more volunteers to serve on our board and welcome anyone who feels inclined to get involved. It's a fabulous neighborhood and you'll enjoy working with great people already serving on the board.

Karen and I have another meeting with Calgary Girls School in a few weeks and will report our progress in the next "Maybel".

You are welcome to call me if you have any questions (403) 259-6540

Brian Heninger

MAYFAIR/BEL-AIRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

President	Brian Heninger
Vice President	Michael Hawitt
Communication	Steph Edwards
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Website	Russell McWhea
Signs	Jackie Achtymichuk
Tennis	Judy LeSourd
Street Captain/ Bel-Aire Email	Jackie Taylor Steph Edwards

Sports/Clubs	vacant
Research	vacant
Street Captain/ Mayfair	vacant
Casino Coordinator	vacant

Please!
We need YOU to fill
these vacant positions!
Call Brian Heninger
403-259-6540

*A complete listing of
director's names and
contact information
can be found on the
back cover of the
MayBel*

Recieve \$1000 off your next RENOVATION
On any renovation over \$30,000 and booked between March 1st and April 30th.

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Calgary Girls' School Update from Marlene Nelson

During the pre-Christmas season, the Mayfair /Bel-Aire community and the Calgary Girls' School (CGS) teamed up to collect donations for the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank. We'd like to thank all those residents who supported this initiative. Employees at the Food Bank expressed gratitude on behalf of the many Calgarians that benefit from this service.

On January 17th, 2011, a member of the CGS Board, 3 members of the Mayfair/Bel-Aire Community Association Board, MLA Alison Redford and her Assistant, Peter Clark, met to attempt to move forward on some of the issues impacting the community:

- Bel-Aire playground (in CGS schoolyard) - the CGS will choose a parent representative to join Sue Homik, our community representative, on a committee to begin the process of applying for grants, choosing a design, ordering and building a new Bel-Aire playground.
- Bussing - Ches Cowley, CGS Superintendent, and I will meet with Church and City representatives to further pursue the possibility of re-routing busses into the church parking lot to drop off and pick up students. This option would require a second church parking-lot access off Elbow Drive.
- School location - Ches reminded us that, when the CGS moved into the Bel-Aire school, it was meant to be short-term, 1 - 3 years at most. They have been looking at other, more suitable school sites.

Alison Redford and Peter Clark will continue to support us in our efforts to reach solutions that are acceptable to both the CGS and the community.

We will continue to keep residents informed of progress via email and the MayBel.

Please call me if you have questions or concerns regarding the operation of the CGS in our community.

Thank you

Animal & Bylaw Services
Partnering with Calgarians
www.calgary.ca/animalservices

The City of Calgary Animal & Bylaw Services would like to remind Calgarians that under the Street Bylaw (20M88) **snow from private sidewalks cannot be shovelled on to the street**. Snow must be piled on the homeowner's property. Piling snow from private property onto city streets creates numerous safety hazards. Children may see these snow piles as fun places to play, increasing the risk that they may slip and fall into traffic. Additionally, these snow piles can impede the flow of traffic, block the vision of drivers and hinder the collection of Blue Cart recycling bins and Black Cart garbage bins.

To access the Street Bylaw, report a bylaw infraction, or for more information about snow and ice removal, please call 3-1-1 or visit calgary.ca/animalservices.





A Message from the City from Brian Pincott

Things are moving along in Ward 11. As I mentioned in my previous submission, our ward is going to be a hive of activity for at least the first half of this year, and a number of the big projects are underway with more about to start.

The second phase of public consultation has begun to develop a management plan for River Park/Sandy Beach/ Britannia Slopes . In January, two open houses were held to get feedback on the process, which will include a number of very collaborative workshops. The dates for these can be found on the city's website at www.calgary.ca/riverpark or you can e-mail my office at ward11@calgary.ca. We would be happy to put you on our mailing list and keep you up to to date on this project.

The process is designed so that you don't need to come to all of the workshops. If you are out of town on one of the dates, there is a way for you to have your input into the plan. . I have heard from a number of constituents who tell me they plan on attending all of the sessions, which is just fine as well. And of course, anyone who wants to give their input is welcome to attend.

In other news, many of you are aware that the Province did release the results of its planning study that looked at five options to improve southwest transportation via a ring road, or something resembling a ring road. The study results were released to a group of community stakeholders in late January, but they will be unveiled to the public at a number of open houses in late February and early March. Again, if you would like us to keep you updated about new details as they arise, please write e-mail us at ward11@calgary.ca and ask to be placed on our contact list.

Many of you are aware of my position on southwest transportation, but for those who don't here goes: I don't believe that our objective is to figure out the best way to build a ring road; I believe our objective is to find the best way to get people moving in the southwest. I have put forward proposals such as Bus Rapid Transit, with a dedicated lane on 14th St SW to alleviate a lot of the pressure, and there are other things the City can and should do to make sure progress is being made.

We have been through ring road deliberations before, only to see transportation problems worsen. We cannot make the same mistake of hanging all of our hopes on the Province; we need to get people moving, and not sit back and wait.

As I've mentioned in my previous columns, my office makes every effort to keep you informed on issues that you care about. We are always trying to improve our ability to give you information without you having to ask for it. If you want to be updated on an issue, please send an e-mail with your contact information to ward11@calgary.ca.

That's all for now.

Sincerely,

Brian



Bins onsite to:

DONATE gently used household goods, furniture and clothing

DISCARD household waste, yard refuse (excluding hazardous waste)

RECYCLE electronics, glass, cardboard and mixed paper

BOTTLE DROP

Saturday, June 4th, 9:30 - 1:30
Calgary Girls' School Parking Lot

FREE TO MAYFAIR/BEL AIRE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
(proof of membership required)

Youth volunteers required. Please contact Jackson McDonough at jackson.mcdonough@hotmail.com

Details to follow by email, flyer and newsletter

An Update on the Calgary Southwest Ring Road from Bruce Williams

Brian Heninger and I attended a workshop organized by the City of Calgary on Saturday January 29th on behalf of the Mayfair Bel-Aire Community Association to learn about the Calgary Southwest Ring Road Functional Planning Study which is intended to identify short term and long term strategies for developing and upgrading roadways to accommodate forecasted traffic demands, and **specifically to learn about the various options being proposed by the planners to complete the South West portion of the ring road.** More formally as stated in the workshop's preamble: the workshop's purpose is to provide information on what is included in a functional planning study, provide the communities with an update on the work done to date and collect feedback from the communities with regards to the various route options. All Community Associations affected by the Southwest ring road decision were invited and there were probably 50 people in attendance. The full functional planning study document presented at the seminar can be viewed at the City of Calgary site at www.cswrr.info. It contains some very useful maps and analysis of the various routes under consideration.

Basically **five options** were presented for consideration. **Four of the options involved diverting ring road traffic from various southern routes (such as Macleod or Anderson) up 14th street and on to Glenmore Trail.** This would involve the purchase or expropriation of property along the route in order to install up to a maximum of eight lanes of ring road traffic in addition to the existing 6 lanes already built on 14th street. The other option (option #4 in the planning document) calls for the ring road to be extended from Highway 22x up 37th street and over (or under) the Glenmore Reservoir, skirting Lakeview and linking up to Glenmore Trail at 37th Street. The entire group at the workshop with one exception felt that the 37th Street option was the only realistic option of the options presented; however it was also mentioned that the best option was not on the table. This option is of course the route through the Tsuu T'ina Nation which had been rejected by a vote in the tribe. At this time we were advised by the organizers of the seminar that they are not aware of any ongoing discus-

sions with the Tsuu T'ina to reconsider the proposed route through the Reserve.

If any one of the 14th Street options were selected as the preferred option the impact on our community would be considerable. Not only would there have to be a new much larger interchange built at 14th Street and Glenmore Trail (to accommodate a maximum of 14 lanes) but the causeway bridge across Glenmore Reservoir would have to be extended to the north by 8 additional lanes which would require the removal of the Lakeview Golf course. In order to accommodate the additional traffic Crowchild interchange would also have to be totally rebuilt. Fortunately we believe that expanding 14th Street as part of the ring road is difficult to justify when compared to option four but nonetheless it is **important that our community stay involved in the process in order to provide input about the impact of any approved option in a timely manner.**

Please Note!

The various individual street petitions in Mayfair requesting restricted parking (with the exception of Massey Place) were submitted to the City of Calgary as required, and subsequently accepted. Residents should now have received a NOTICE of Residential Parking Restriction with information regarding obtaining permits.

Parking Passes will be available without charge for each registered car at the address, and residents can apply for another two passes for each address also without charge.

As the NOTICE states, permits must be obtained at the Calgary Parking Authority (620-9th Ave SW) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:15PM or by fax (403-537-7001).

For more information, please phone:
403-537-7000

Alexander Calhoun Library

3223 – 14 Street SW

Hours:

Monday - Thursday

Friday & Saturday

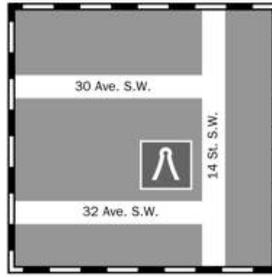
Sundays (mid-Sept to mid-May)

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

12:00 – 5 p.m.

Telephone: 403-260-2600



Registration for our spring storytimes begins Tuesday, March 1st.

Family Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and fingerplays the whole family can enjoy.

Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver

Thursdays, Mar 24 to Apr 28

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. OR

11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Baby Storytime

Enjoy age-appropriate songs, rhymes, and stories; and learn ways to share books and language with babies.

Ages 6 to 23 months with a parent/caregiver

Tuesdays, Mar 29 to Apr 12

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. OR

11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Baby and You for Moms

Topics include infant crying, sleeping, toys, games, health, nutrition, and community resources. Presented by Alberta Health Services. Register by calling 403-955-1450.

Ages 2 to 9 months with a parent/caregiver

Fridays, Mar 25 to Apr 15

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tax Clinic At Your Library

Drop-in for free, one-on-one help with your tax return. First-come, first-serve. In partnership with the United Way of Calgary and Area. Please note that there is an eligibility requirement based on income.

Saturday, Mar 19

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Horoscopes and More

Join astrology practitioner, Peggy Lynch, as she shows how this discipline can be used as a reflective tool.

Ages 50 and up

Wednesday, Mar 16

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Talking with Your Kids about Sexuality

Increase your comfort level, and develop your parenting skills for talking with your children of all ages about sexuality. Presented by the Calgary Sexual Health Centre.

Wednesday, Mar 30

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Hand-Made Plush Toys

Learn how to design and create a hand-made plush toy in an environmentally conscious way with Serena from fakesweatshop. This program is generously sponsored by the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation.

Ages 9 to 12

Saturday, Mar 26

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Classified Ads Section

A classified section is available free of charge to all residents of Mayfair and Bel-Aire.

To place an ad, contact the Maybel at

mayfairbelaire@gmail.com

MAYFAIR/BEL-AIRE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WE NEED YOU!

BOARD POSITION:

Events DIRECTOR:

This board position is a fun, rewarding and engaging way to meet your neighbours, while providing the community with an array of annual events.

In the position, you will be responsible for planning and booking events in addition to coordinating volunteers to help with the setup and running of various community events such as:

- Stampede Breakfast
- Halloween Party at the Park
- Evening with Neighbours
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Movie in the Park

**Without someone stepping forward to fill this role, the mentioned events may not occur!!!

Please contact Marisa or Karen Mazepa for more information and to volunteer for this role 403-640-1079.

OTHER VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

Casino Coordinator:

This person is very much needed to coordinate volunteers for our upcoming Casino which will occur August 23-24th, 2011.

Please contact Kathy Benham at 403-259-3844.

Auditor:

The community association is seeking an accountant to volunteer to audit the community's financial statements in the fall timeframe. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Benham at 403-259-3844 for further details.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers:

We require helpers for our Saturday, April 23rd Easter Egg Hunt. Please call Marisa Mazepa at 403-640-1079.

**Community
Outdoor Soccer Registration**

Heritage Soccer Association

**4 to 11yrs at 01/2011 (U6-U12)
Up to 4yrs at 01/2011 (U4)**



**Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, Eagle Ridge, Mayfair, Bel-Aire,
Kingsland, Meadowlark Park and Fairview community members**

Tuesday, March 1st, 7:00PM-9:00PM

Sat, March 5th, 10:00AM-12:00PM

CKE Community Centre

(1015-73rd Ave. SW)

Registration fee \$40

Community Membership required.

Bring your membership card!

League runs May 3rd - June 23, 2011

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings

at Henry Wise Wood fields

N.B. Soccer clinic sign-up at registration (cost \$10)

Soccer Coordinators:

Sean and Barb Clarke

403-686-7226



Alberta Supports Contact Centre (ASCC)

Albertans seeking information on government social programs, including seniors programs, now only need to contact one source for information and referrals. Callers to the provincial Seniors Information Line will be automatically redirected to ASCC for assistance where trained Information Officers will be able to assist with inquiries related to Alberta's seniors programs.

Website: www.albertasupports.ca

Phone: 1-877-644-9992

Little Warriors

Little Warriors is a national charitable organization that educates adults on the prevention of child sexual abuse. We offer a Stewards of Children prevention training session that is 3 hours in length that is for parents, caregivers, teachers, and anyone working in a youth serving organization.

visit www.littlewarriors.ca for more information.

Blackfoot District Guiding



Girl Guides
of Canada
Guides
du Canada

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Spring is just around the corner and our Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers will be selling yummy sandwich Girl Guide cookies beginning the last week of March and first week of April. Look for us in your neighborhood or at a local retail location. They are still only \$4.00 a box and support our many activities.

Blackfoot District held a super roller skating event! Everyone enjoyed themselves with laps around the rink and dancing to the hokey-pokey! It was full of thrills, chills and yes even spills!

The Spark units are looking forward to spring and are having a "wear green" day. They are working on "How Things Grow" and will attend district "Chocolate" camp for the day.

The Brownie units will have St. Patrick's Day parties, are learning about basic camping skills as they prepare for district camp and are working on their keys and badges.

The Guide units visited the Police Interpretive Centre, learned about the 4 World Guiding Centres for Thinking Day, went skating and are gearing up for camp.

The Pathfinders units went for a swim at Southland Leisure Centre, had a movie night, hosted a Thinking Day event and are planning an outing to the Clayground.

The Rangers units stuffed hampers at the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, hosted units for a bridging bingo event, celebrated Thinking Day and are prepping for district camp.

Guiding is a great place to build new friendships and experience new challenges. Why not give us a try.

If you have any questions regarding Guiding or registration please call

Tracy Comessotti at 403-203-241 or email at

tracy@comessotti.com

Guiding is Fun



Karen receiving an award for Outstanding Community Service as MBCA President

Maybel Community Recognition of Karen Mazepa

There was certainly no shortage of votes for our current nominee, Mrs. Karen Mazepa. Karen and her family have lived in Bel-Aire for the past 14 years and she has served as our outstanding Community Board President for the past 5 years. Over her 5-year tenure as our valiant leader, Karen has gone above and beyond her role. It is a credit to her leadership and dedication to her position that our Commu-

nity Board stands out as one of the most effective in the city. Her countless volunteer hours have gone into making our community a connected, safe and beautiful place that we are all proud to live in and call home.

In addition to her role as President, Karen is a Residential Real Estate Agent with Royal Le Page and works along side her husband, Gerry, at their business, Executive Edge Promotional Products. One of her greatest roles and achievements however, is being the mother to two wonderful children, eldest son Alex and daughter Marisa. When Karen does find time to relax she can always be found in the garden, engaged in a good book, or spending time in the kitchen cooking with her daughter.

Karen has stepped down from her position of President this year and though we will miss her greatly, we wish her all the best and some much-deserved rest and relaxation. Thank you Karen, on behalf of Bel-Aire and Mayfair for your tireless dedication to our community ~ we have all benefited from your leadership and look forward to continuing your legacy for years to come.

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Jack Birt
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Nora Bridge
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403-640-1079

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Another successful Halloween party and parade !

